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AND MILITARY GAZETTE.
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An Honor.
The Firemen of Sacramento have conferred a high and lasting honor upon us in the passage of the annexed. We return them our most grateful thanks for their kindness and liberality, and shall ever esteem it a pleasure, to be recognized as their advocate.

OFFICE SECRETARY SACRAMENTO F. D., March 4th, 1857.

Mr. M. D. BORUCK—Sir: At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Sacramento Fire Department, held in the hall of Eureka Engine Co. No. 4, on the evening of the 31st inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Delegates subscribe for one copy of the *Fireman's Journal* and recognize it as the organ of this Department.

Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

W. B. H. DODSON,
Secretary Sacramento F. D.

Personal.

One word to the Firemen of San Francisco. For the first in the history of the San Francisco Fire Department, appeals have been made to your feelings as Firemen, to support the nominee of a political convention.

Beware, fellow-firemen, of this beginning! Let the political wire-pullers be rebuked on this, their first attempt to enlist your sympathies or your feelings. You derive your support from the strength of public opinion, which has always been, and will always be, in favor of you, and you will be strictly within the province of the objects of your organization, sink into the depths of the polluted maelstrom, and you will deserve, and not only deserve, but receive the execration of every high-minded, honorable citizen of San Francisco.

Your tasteful organ, the *Fireman's Journal*, may sink into a political machine, but do not puff it into a temporary importance by leading its conductors to suppose that their opinions and their desires can have any effect on your votes.

The above attack appeared in the *Alta* of February 23d, and, as I have been informed, was the joint production of a coward named CHARLES D. CARTER, who, not having the courage to own his share of the paragraph, throws the entire responsibility on his confederate—one I have heretofore held the most friendly relations with, and looked upon as being actuated in every position of life by manly and honorable impulses—one who would not, under the cowardly garb of an anonymous writer, seek to injure even an enemy, whatever his opinions might be, much less a friend. I refer to THOMAS J. L. SMILEY. I will permit what I am about to say, by stating that the article which appeared in this paper, and which called forth the above from Mr. Smiley, was written and published by Mr. Charles M. Chase during my absence in Sacramento, but, indeed, by my word for word on my arrival here, and my only object in noticing the matter at all, is to show Mr. Smiley that he is mistaken, in one or two material points, as contained in his allegations.

The article in the *Fireman's Journal* respecting Mr. Jones, was the "third," and not the "first," appeal to the firemen to support the nominee of a political convention. At the November election, H. A. Cobb, Treasurer of the Fire Department, nominated by the Democratic party, and Eugene L. Sullivan, Treasurer of the Charitable Fund of the Fire Department, nominated by the Republican, and supported by the Vigilance Committee party, received the best support the *Fireman's Journal* could give them, as members of the Fire Department. No objection was then given by the Fire Department. No objection was then given by the Fire Department. No objection was then given by the Fire Department.

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able to control every election under its provision) desired. The Board of Delegates passed it with great unanimity, and under its workings the Department will flourish. The San Francisco delegation, for reasons set forth in another column, desire to incorporate the bill into the Consolidation Bill, and thus thwart the wish of the entire organization—even the opponents of the bill, and it was on account of the assistance Mr. Jones could render in the matter I wished to see him selected; at the same time I would not detract one iota from, or endeavor to throw, a doubt on the faithfulness of the other candidates in advocating the cause of the Department; at the same time I considered Mr. Jones just, capable, and honest—and an article which we published in this journal, on the retirement of Mr. Jones from the Presidency of the Fire Department, complimentary in the highest degree to him, was fully endorsed by many of those who now prate so loudly of his dishonesty and unfitness.

As far as the abstract questions of Vigilance and Law and Order are concerned, I never have nor will now make them the subject of discussion in these columns. My desire has always been, in those relations, to preserve good feeling, particularly in the Fire Department. Whatever opinions members of society may entertain in regard to those matters are their own—between themselves and their God; and I would not let my opinions, be what they may, descend so low in the scale of degradation as to attempt to blast their name, reputation, and business, because as Americans they dared to disagree with me—and no American, either by birth or adoption, would be guilty of it. In the matters I have just alluded to, and for which I may be pardoned, "let the dead bury the dead."

All the contumely which Mr. Smiley may heap upon the *Fireman's Journal* or its conductors, will react upon himself, notwithstanding he may consider his position invulnerable, and they but frail. If the *Fireman's Journal* was not the organ of the firemen, why did Mr. Smiley take so much trouble to warn the firemen against its influence? If it was their *bastard* organ, of course there was nothing to fear from it; he has studied himself, and acknowledged just what he had no desire to do—that it is the organ of the Fire Department, and it will be proved to him before many weeks are over, that it is so.

I have deemed it but just to say this much to explain my own position, and place myself right before the people and the Fire Department. If Mr. Chase feels aggrieved in the attack of Mr. Smiley, he has the same remedy I have adopted. And now if any one feels aggrieved at what I have written, I take this opportunity to say, I shall be out of the city until the latter end of March—after which time I may be found at my office, 73 Merchants street.

MARCUS D. BORUCK.
SAN FRANCISCO, March 2, 1857.

Correspondence.

The following correspondence has lately taken place between Chief Engineer Whitney and the Gas Company, in regard to lighting engine and truck houses. From it, the firemen will see that the Gas Company have treated them with great consideration. In our next issue, we hope to be able to announce to the Department, that all their little wants have been attended to by the Legislature.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF S. F. F. D., February 28, 1857.

TO THE SAN FRANCISCO GAS COMPANY:

I respectfully request the Gas Company to continue the supply of gas to the different engine houses, until the result of my endeavors to have some legislative action on the subject is known. I will use every exertion to have the gas bills for the different houses the four months ending March 1st, paid as soon as possible, out of any appropriation which I may obtain.

Respectfully,
F. E. R. WHITNEY.

OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO GAS COMPANY, March 2d, 1857.

F. E. R. Whitney, Esq., Chief Engineer S. F. F. D.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your favor of this date, requesting a suspension of the action contemplated by this company, regarding the supply of gas for the engine houses, I have to say that, in consideration of the promise made to you by your influence to have the whole matter acted upon by the Legislature, as soon as practicable, your request is acceded to.

I am, sir,

Yours, very respectfully,

JOSEPH G. EASTLAND,
Secretary.

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.—Our old and valued friend Hon. Horace Hawes, has in a most substantial manner, evinced a proper appreciation of his cherished institution the Fire Department, by handing Chief Engineer Whitney a check for two hundred dollars, wherewith to repair the old and burned hose appertaining to it. Horace, in consideration of that amendment to the Consolidation Bill, raising \$19,000 on last year's appropriation, and the above we will reconsider a portion of our comments on the Consolidation Bill, and indefinitely postpone any further action, except now and then to remind you, that you still live in our recollection for the act of real kindness just performed.

OFFERED TO IT.—In a conversation with Chief Engineer Whitney a few days since, he expressed himself as being entirely opposed to all fire companies not legally admitted into the Fire Department, and that, he will discontinue all associations of an independent character formed for fire purposes, and he will not permit the regularly organized fire companies to be interfered with by them. We say amen to that.

RELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At the annual election for officers of Sansome H. & L. Co. held on Tuesday evening last, the following named gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year:

Foreman, R. N. Van Brunt, First Assistant, Robert A. Law, Second Assistant, Secretary, A. Malthe, Treasurer, J. H. Haynes, Librarian, A. Malthe.

ANOTHER DEATH.—Mr. Patrick Canney a member of Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, died in this city on Monday last. Mr. Canney was well known through the State, having been a member of the Legislature for two sessions. His remains were interred on Tuesday, and the funeral procession was one of the largest that has ever taken place in this city.

KICKERBOCKER 5.—The new and elegant engine intended for Kickerbocker 5, and valued at \$6,500, was shipped from New York on the "Reporter," which sailed on the 25th December. The "Eureka" of Marysville have an engine on the same vessel.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY at San Jose.—On the outside will be found an account of the Firemen's parade at San Jose. From what we gather from the *Tri-Union*, it must have been an imposing affair. Among their guests were the Columbia No. 1 of Santa Clara. The festivities closed with a collation at Bosty's, and a grand ball at the City Hall.

Historical.

We now commence the publication of the history of the Sacramento Fire Department, complete, from its first inception. It has been prepared by an old member of the organization in that city, and will be replete with incidents of a most interesting nature. We shall also publish histories of the different companies composing the Department, prepared by their secretaries, making a *resume* of the past, highly valuable and interesting.

After the history is completed in the *Journal*, we shall publish it in book form. The following are from the Sacramento press, in regard to the history of that Department, for which we return our acknowledgments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT—FURNISHED.—We understand that an old member of the Fire Department is engaged in preparing for publication, at intervals, in the *Fireman's Journal*, a full history of the Fire Department of this city, from its organization to the present time. If the idea is faithfully carried out, and all the secret springs touched, there will be some quivering, probably, on all sides. Separate histories of the different companies will also be published in the *Journal*—*Sacramento Union*.

INTERESTING HISTORY.—We understand that a gentleman of this city, in every way qualified for the task, is preparing a careful and accurate history of the Sacramento Fire Department, from the commencement of its organization, March 10th, 1851, to the present time. All information presented will be taken from the records so far as they exist, a portion of them having been destroyed by fire. It will embrace a history of all the donations and benefits given to the department. It will contain also, from the pen of some competent member of the organization, a brief history of said company. The history will appear in the *Fireman's Journal*, commencing with the present week, and will run through some ten or twelve numbers. Dr. Dodson, we believe, is the agent for the *Journal*.—*Daily City Item*.

FIREMEN'S HISTORY.—We learn that a gentleman of this city is now preparing a series of articles for the *Fireman's Journal*, which will be of great interest to our citizens and particularly to the members of our Fire Department. The articles will involve a full, correct and complete history of the fire department, from the time of its organization, on the 10th of March, 1851, to the present time. They will contain notices of the purchases of engines and apparatus, names of those who have been at times members of the organization; accounts of fires, building of engine houses, names of officers of companies and of the department, and a mass of other matter valuable to firemen and citizens, as the history of the Fire Department is intimately connected with the history of the city. Each number will furnish a history of its own, and much of the information to be published will be taken from the City Records. From a personal knowledge of the talent of the author, we can promise some interesting sketches to its readers. The history referred to, will run through the numbers of their journal for several weeks, commencing on Saturday.—*State Journal*.

HISTORY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—We learn that a very competent gentleman of this city, who has ample knowledge of all the facts, is now engaged in writing a complete and accurate history of the Fire Department of Sacramento, from its organization, March 10th, 1851, down to the present date. It will embrace everything connected with the fire history of the city, and will be of unusual interest for present reading and future reference by all who feel any interest in such matters, as it will be a record of many stirring events that have almost passed from the memory even of those who were once deeply interested in them. Embraced within the general history will be a sketch of each company, prepared by its own members, so that no little incident worth remembering will be lost to those who come after the present efficient Fire Department of Sacramento, and we would be published in weekly numbers in the *Fireman's Journal*, and afterwards in book form.—*Daily Bee*.

TO OUR MARYSVILLE SUBSCRIBERS.—In answer to a letter from our correspondent "O. B.," we have to say that, so soon as we can make the necessary arrangements, our paper will be sent from here on Friday, so as to reach our subscribers in Marysville on Saturday.

Geo. H. ROSEFROSS.—The Baltimore *Star* has the following, relative to the esteemed gentleman whose name heads this paragraph:

By the last arrival from California came passenger Mr. George H. Rosefross, a well known and esteemed citizen of Baltimore, and better known in the northern section of the city. He has been in California for a long time, and has made it his home. He is here on a visit of business, as we understand, having on hand business with the patent office and making arrangements in reference to the application of hydraulic machinery to important matters in visit to Sebastopol, to raise sunken Russian vessels, is within the scope of his expectations.—May he have luck. We saw in his possession an "Autograph," of which it is rare to find a piece straight enough to make a cane. It has a massive gold head, with a beautiful specimen of quartz setting, and with a gold ferrule. It is a splendid affair, and coming from Baltimore, who mainly compose the "Monumental" must be appreciated. Mr. H. says that there will be a large number of California Baltimoreans here on the occasion of the inauguration of President Buchanan, as well to witness the ceremony as to see their relatives and friends.

JOURNAL FOR THE FIREMEN.—All should be aware that a large paper devoted to the special interest of firemen and the military, is published at San Francisco, and is well conducted and reflects much credit upon the Department, for whose entertainment it is intended. Mr. Boruck, the principal editor, is now on a visit to our worthy firemen, and we hope it will be a successful one for his paper, which is deserving of their support.—*Sacramento Age*.

LECTURE ON THE COMING PORT.—We acknowledge the receipt of tickets to attend the lecture of Mr. Edward Pollock "On the coming Port." From our knowledge of Mr. Pollock's abilities as a writer of action and poetry, we anticipate a rich intellectual treat.

THE GLOBE.—It is certainly mistaken when it says "that, in ten minutes after the alarm was given at the New York Bakery, water was passed through the hose. We guarantee that, Nos. 1, 5, 6, and 12 were ready for service within four minutes after the alarm, and within one minute of each other. The first named leading off.

MAGUIRE'S OPERA HOUSE.—Jacobs, who has been just called the "Wizard of Wonders," has performed to full houses during the past week. His feats have to be seen to be believed. Go and see him.

LAFAYETTE H. & L. No. 2.—At the monthly meeting of the company, held on the 3d inst., Joseph Boverat was elected 1st. Assistant, vice F. Mallot resigned.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—We return our thanks to Hon. J. B. Waller, for valuable public documents forwarded by last steamer.

PACIFIC MUSEUM.—Mr. Adams and his pets will continue to draw good houses.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—The circus has been drawing crowded houses during the past week. To-night the renowned Robette, the clown of clowns, takes a benefit. Give him a bumper.

NEW PAPER.—We are indebted to Mr. J. F. Feeks for the first number of the *Weekly Spiritist* published at Marysville. Mr. Feeks is the agent for this city.

Editorial Correspondence.

SACRAMENTO, March 6, 1857.
Franklin E. R. Whitney, Chief Engineer, Franklin L. Jones, and C. E. Buckingham, Esq., from the Board of Delegates, arrived here during the week for the purpose of securing a proper and sufficient appropriation to defray the expenses of the organization, and also to obtain the passage of the bill adopted by the Board of Delegates for the government of the Fire Department. A meeting of the San Francisco delegation was held on Tuesday evening, at 7 o'clock, to discuss the matter.

There were present Senators Sullivan, Woodworth, and Soule, and Messrs. Jessup, Palmer, Blake, Miro, Fourcand, together with the delegation above named, and the writer of this, who was courteously invited to be present by the latter.

Chief Engineer Whitney presented a schedule of the immediate wants of the Department, all of which were clearly set forth to the Committee as being absolutely necessary for the prosperity of the Department and security of the city. Several of the requirements, as set forth by Chief Engineer Whitney of the Committee, have already appeared in his admirable report made some time since. For instance: the construction of cisterns in closely inhabited localities—purchase of new engines for Nos. 2, 7, 8, 10, and 14, and truck for Sansome Hook and Ladder 3, the establishment of a corporation yard, the purchase of a house and lot for No. 14, and the building of a house for No. 3. Gas and water for the various engine and truck houses. There were several other items spoken of by the Chief, not necessary to refer to here.

The members of the committee listened with a great deal of attention to the arguments advanced by Messrs. Whitney, Jones, and Buckingham, and the unanimity which prevailed between those gentlemen added much strength to their cause. After consultation the committee adjourned at 10 o'clock.

In my letter last week, I stated that \$27,000, after the present year, would be all sufficient to pay the entire expenses of the Department. I find, however, on referring to my calculations, I made an error, which I then did not discover, and I am now satisfied that \$27,000 would be inadequate, as the following statement will show:

Salary of Chief Engineer	\$5,000
Salaries of 2 bell ringers	5,400
Salary Secretary Board of Delegates	1,800
Lights for 17 engine and truck houses at \$20 per month each	4,080
Water for 17 houses at \$5 each	1,020
Stewards for 17 companies \$40 each	6,800
Filling 66 cisterns \$45 per year	2,970
Total	\$28,330

The amount is \$1,330, more than that fixed by Mr. Hawes, in his amendment to the Consolidation Bill, and is entirely independent of building cisterns or making any repairs of whatever kind to the apparatus, care of hose, and keeping relief engines in order—all of which would swell the amount to \$45,000; and at that amount the San Francisco Fire Department, for its size and position, would be the most economically managed institution of the kind in the world. The department, however, requires at least \$62,000 for this year's appropriation, and after that the amount above named would be all required. From what I can understand, the San Francisco delegation intend, however, to pursue a policy, which, although in figures it may appear so, will not be the most economical.

Since the above was written, I am informed \$30,000 is the amount to be recommended in the bill, which will fall far below what the necessities of the Department demand.

The bill to be presented in the Senate on tomorrow or Monday by Mr. Sullivan, will call for a reduction of the salary of Chief Engineer to \$8,000 per annum. The Secretary of the Board of Delegates to \$1,200—the Bell Ringers one thousand eight hundred—the Stewards \$300 per month—filling the cisterns \$2,000 per annum—repairs per month on all the apparatus \$500. The salary of the Chief is to be the same as that received by the same as that received by the same officer in New York, and \$1,000 more than the Chief Engineer of this city. The expenses of this Department for the last year will be about \$22,000, with eight pieces of apparatus; and it must be seen at a glance that a Department, with 17 pieces, cannot get along on \$30,000. It would be much better to abolish the salaries of all the officers of the Department, and appropriate the amount to its actual expenses. The delegation from the San Francisco Department are working assiduously in the business, and no better men could have been selected to attend to the matter.

Letters have been received by Confidence Engine Company No. 1 from Mr. Agnew, the builder in Philadelphia, and a portion of the Committee selected by the company to superintend the construction of their new engine. Mr. Agnew says he will build them a first-class engine that will give entire satisfaction and reflect credit on himself. It is to be nine and a half inch, and she is to be ornamented in an elegant manner. Her cylinder. The company have also ordered a magnificent four-wheeled hose carriage. Messrs. H. B. Mooney, of Phoenix Hose Company, Stockton H. Evans, Isaac Lower, and David M. Lyle, President of Fairmount Fire Company, accepted the appointment on the Committee of Construction, and a meeting was shortly to be held, and the work speedily commenced. It is expected the engine will arrive here in about one year from the present time. Mr. Agnew will now have a fine opportunity to please the Sacramentoans.

Young America Engine Company are to have a first-class engine, built by Rodgers & Sons, of Baltimore. When she arrives, and that ordered by No. 1, Philadelphia and Baltimore will have a fair opportunity of testing the relative merits of their favorite style.

An entertainment was given at the house of Sacramento No. 2, on Tuesday evening, to the San Francisco firemen at present in the city. Brief speeches were made by Mr. Friend, foreman of No. 2, Chief Whitney, Mr. Buckingham, Mr. Jones, Mr. Burkman, and others. Songs were sung in true fireman's style, both in manner and sentiment. The party broke up at 11 o'clock. A. M., highly pleased. The engine house of No. 3 is undergoing considerable improvement, and of a very desirable nature. When completely finished, it will be second to none here, or in comfort, to that of any other company elsewhere.

WHICH IS THE BEST?—To be defeated as a candidate for Senator to fill a vacancy, or be left \$40,000 by an aunt lately deceased in Philadelphia—as has been the case with our friend Franklin L. Jones.

FIRES AND ALARMS.
March 1st, 6 P. M.; bell bell alarm; Sixth District; cause chimney New York Bakery. Loss trifling.

Thanks to Messrs. J. W. Sullivan, J. F. Feeks and M. Ullman, for papers etc., furnished this office.

The Sacramento Fire Department.

PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

(Entered according to Act of Congress, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-seven, by CHARLES M. CHASE and MARCUS D. BORUCK, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the Northern District of the State of California.)

No. 1.

To-day we publish the first of a series of articles, giving the organization, rise and progress of the Sacramento Fire Department. Our information will be correct, as it will be taken from the records of the Board of Delegates and Trustees. Owing to the fact that the records of the Department were destroyed by the fire of 1854, our information up to that time will necessarily be incomplete, and what facts we are enabled to gather will be disjointed, and not so satisfactory as we would desire.

At this time (25th of January, 1851), it became apparent that, unless there was a governing head, the embryo Department would die; consequently, the Common Council, in the absence of any law requiring an election of officers by the firemen, appointed, without any salary, Hiram Arents Chief Engineer. The first concerted movement to establish a Department was made on the evening of the 10th of March, 1851, although previous to that date Mutual Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 was organized. On the date above referred to, at a meeting of the citizens, a committee of eight was appointed to solicit subscriptions, and make preliminary arrangements in furtherance of the permanent organization of the Department. That committee was composed of the following gentlemen: Hiram Arents, D. O. Mills, John A. Read, John F. Bailey, Robt. T. Brown, William H. Simmons, Robt. M. Folger, and Samuel Yannes, who collected the sum of \$6,350, which was expended in purchasing apparatus for Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 and Engine Companies Nos. 2 and 3, building cisterns on J and K street, and a house for Mutual and Confidence No. 1.

Mr. Arents continued to act as Chief under this appointment until the 3d of June, 1851, when, by the passage of an ordinance by the Common Council, the firemen were allowed to elect their own officers, and on the 9th of that month (June) Hiram Arents was elected Chief Engineer, Robert M. Folger, of Engine 2, First Assistant, and Wm. H. Ekins, of Engine 1, Second Assistant.

Those who acted as judges at that election were: S. B. Holly, of Engine Company No. 1, W. M. Carpenter, of Engine Company No. 2, R. O. Selfridge, of Engine Company No. 3, and W. F. Kennedy, of Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

On the 6th of March, 1851, Confidence Engine Company No. 1 was organized, Wm. H. Ekins, foreman. On the 23d of the same month Protection Engine Company No. 2 was organized, William Arents, foreman; and on the 28th of the same month Sacramento Engine Company No. 3 was organized, Thomas Hassin, foreman.

On the 4th of July, 1851, the Department paraded, being escorted by the "Stark Guards," Hiram Arents, Grand Marshal, Robt. M. Folger and W. H. Ekins, Aids. At this point we will claim for Sacramento the honor of organizing the first fire company, and then in honor of the national day of American Independence, held the first Department parade on the Pacific Coast.

On the 29th of July, James Seymour and George Chapman, managers of the Pacific Theatre, tendered a benefit to the Department, the receipts to be applied in supplying the Department with an Alarm Bell. The Committee of Arrangements on that occasion were Messrs. Folger, Beard, Ekins, Hunt, Seranton, and Arents. On the 31st the benefit took place, and the sum of \$440 realized, and by the donation of \$60 additional by the managers, the amount was made \$500.

As an incident showing the feeling of those engaged in the laudable work of organizing or raising money to organize a Department, we give a resolution that was adopted at an adjourned meeting of the citizens, on the 19th of March, 1851. Dr. Carpenter and McNulty & Co. were at that time very wealthy, and refused to subscribe anything to aid in the organization. Here is the resolution:

Resolved, That, as Messrs. McNulty & Co., who could in having \$75,000 worth of goods in their store, and who refuse positively to subscribe a dollar towards the organization of a Fire Department, that, in case of a fire in their building, the energies of the citizens are requested to be directed to the saving of the adjoining property, and not theirs.

However small the donation in aid of our firemen at that time, we are disposed to make it a matter of record; therefore, we shall give Capt. Hutchins that credit to which he is justly entitled for the liberality manifested in donating to the Department, on the 6th of April, the freight money on the engine purchased for Sacramento Engine Company No. 3. Capt. Hutchins was at that time commander of that beautiful craft—the "New World."

On the 2d of June, in reply to a note from the Citizens' Fire Committee, on the subject of a benefit, Mr. James Stark and Mrs. Sarah Kirby tendered to the Committee the use of their Theatre (Thea-ma), their own and companies' services for a benefit, and a real *bona fide* one it was.

Below we give the correspondence between the donors and the Committee:

To the Gentlemen of the Committee appointed to collect funds for the Fire Department:

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of Friday last, we shall be most happy to meet your wishes by setting apart Thursday evening, June 5th, 1851, for the Firemen's Benefit, on which occasion we propose enacting (should it meet your views) for the first time in California, Knowledge's most beautiful play of the "Hunchback" (with a powerful cast), and an excellent farce, in which Mr. Luby, the Irish Comedian, will appear.

We should be most happy to meet the Committee on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Te-hama Theatre, to make all necessary arrangements to ensure the comfort and convenience of the guests who may honor us with their presence, and the complete success which the object merits and demands.

Very respectfully,
Your ob't Servants,
JAMES STARK,
SARAH KIRBY.

To the Citizens of Sacramento:

Among the many instances of liberality in aid of our Committee, we take great pleasure in calling your attention to that of Mr. Stark and Mrs. Kirby, who have generously tendered us the use of their house, and the services of themselves and company, on the evening of Thursday, the 5th inst. To secure the Fire Department a fitting return on that occasion, they have devoted their cultivated tastes to the selection of pieces of the greatest merit, with a cast of acknowledged power. Thus is presented an opportunity of aiding a work most important to your welfare, and enjoying an entertainment of the highest order.

(Signed),
ROBERT F. BROWN,
W. H. SIMMONS,
D. OGDEN MILLS,
JOHN A. READ,
JOHN F. BAILEY,
ROBERT M. FOLGER,
HIRAM ARENTS,
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